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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HPSCI Hearing on Leaks on 7 February 1985 at 3:30 p.m.
in H-405, The Capitol

Committee Attendees

Lee H. Hamilton (D., IN), Chairman
Louis Stokes (D., OH)
Dave McCurdy (D., OK)
Anthony C. Beilenson (D., CA)
Robert W. Kastenmeier (D., WI)
Dan Daniel (D., VA)
Robert A. Roe (D., NJ)
George E. Brown, Jr. (D., CA)
Matthew F. McHugh (D., NY)
Bernard J. Dwyer (D., NJ)

Bob Stump (R., AZ)
Dick Cheney (R., WY)
Bob Livingston (R., LA)
Andy Ireland (R., FL)
Bob McEwen (R., OH)
Henry J. Hyde (R., IL)

Agency Witnesses

Eloise Page, DD/ICS

[] Chairman/DCI Security Committee/ICS

[] OGC

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[] Liaison Division/OLL

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1. The hearing was called to order about 3:40 p.m. The Chairman welcomed us and invited Ms. Page to proceed. She identified the principal witnesses, and then asked [] to begin his presentation. [] presented his speech including two video tape segments, and was allowed to complete his material without interruption. The Chairman then invited Member questions which were as follows:

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a. Mr. Stump, referring to an [] example, asked if any leaker had ever been caught and punished. []

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[] said no. Mr. Stump asked why. [] said because the spread of technical intelligence is so vast that investigative resources cannot begin to cover all of the leaks adequately. Another factor is the fact of consent between leaker and leakee. Mr. Stump said he had just introduced an Omnibus Intelligence Bill aimed at stopping some of these problems, and he would welcome our comments on his bill at a later date.

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b. Mr. Stokes complimented [] for a very fine briefing. He commented on the "balance" of our approach.

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c. Mr. Ireland asked if computer security was a problem. [] said it was. Ms. Page said the Intelligence Community Staff had a contractor addressing this problem, and this work was proceeding despite a recent budget reduction by Congress for this effort.

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d. Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Beilenson both expressed appreciation for a balanced and informative briefing.

e. Mr. Kastenmeier expressed appreciation, said he understood the need for protecting intelligence, and asked if the same considerations applied to covert actions. [] said a secret is secret.

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f. Mr. McEwen accepted [] invitation for a further personal briefing on security procedures.

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g. Mr. Daniel asked if Jack Anderson really has the CIA documents he claims. [] said we believe he has some CIA material. Mr. Daniel asked how Anderson could acquire it. [] explained that the CIA product goes to a vast number of consumers. Mr. Daniel then asked if our HUMINT efforts were in a growth stage. Ms. Page said they were, but also offered several examples of how HUMINT efforts had been hurt by leaks and media exposure.

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h. Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation for the briefing. He then asked us to give him citations for two books mentioned in the briefing. He then stated that as a long time Member of the Committee on Science and Technology, he had an active interest in technical collection capabilities, and in the question of what really needs to be protected and what does not. Ms. Page suggested he might wish to be briefed by the COMIREX people.

i. Mr. McHugh expressed appreciation for the briefing, and then said he had often heard from colleagues on other committees that when they got intelligence briefings, they never got anything that they had not already seen in The New York Times or The Washington Post. Ms. Page responded that as a Member of HPSCI he and his colleagues would receive all the information they required. I used the occasion to remind the new Members that both HPSCI and SSCI were created to give the Intelligence Community a secure and reliable place to report to Congress, and that the Committees were clearly intended to represent the intelligence function to the other Committees of Congress. I said we would welcome an expansion of this role in the future.

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2. In sum, the Members on both sides appeared to be genuinely pleased with the briefing. They were particularly complimentary about its balance, they appeared to accept our statement that further legislation is necessary to stop officials from leaking, and they all appeared to be beginning to recognize the responsibilities of this new assignment.



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